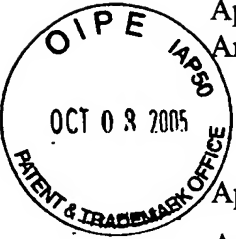


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action dated September 13, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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